

REMARKS

In the Office Action of April 7, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 21, 22, 31 and 32 under 35 USC 102 (b) as anticipated by Chan. Claims 23, 24, 26, 33, 34, and 36 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Chan in view of Barber. Claims 25, and 35 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Chan in view of Tatchell et al. Claims 27 through 29 and 37 through 39 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Chan in view of Will. Claims 30 and 40 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Chan in view of Will and in view also of Engelbeck et al.

In response, the arguments set forth in the previous Amendments of January 26, 2004 is repeated and incorporated herein by reference. Further, the Chan reference teaches two forms of input to search the directory and this requires an initial. Also, the claims as now presented are specifically “consisting of” claims and Chan consists of more than one form of input. Also, to distinguish further, the limitations of dependent claims have been included in the new main claims. Also, as suggested by the Examiner in a telephone conversation on September 20, 2004, the claims require the steps to be performed in sequence. As the Examiner indicated, this will aid in distinguishing the claims over the prior art.

As to the rejections under 35 USC 103 (a), the Barber patent, used in combination with Chan to reject claims 23, 24, 26, 33, 34, and 36, is directed to a system that requires the user to press buttons on a keypad to activate various features, including the idle mode necessary for the teachings relied upon in the rejection (see, for exapmle, columns 11 and 12 of Barber). This reference is, therefore, totally contrary to the present invention wherein no buttons need be pressed by the user, and in most embodiments of the present

invention, there are no buttons needed or available to the user (as when the computer is built into the telephone console and no other buttons than regular phone buttons exist).

Note that Barber teaches away from the present invention and that the rejected claim language relying upon Barber is now incorporated into the new main claims.

Additionally, because of the divergent uses, methods, functionality and equipment found in the Chan teachings as compared to Barber, their combination is contraindicated, and it is an inappropriate combination of references leading to contradictory, redundant and opposing inoperative features. Also, even if combined, they do not arrive at or render the present invention obvious.

The other references do not overcome the shortcomings of the Chan/Barber combination, and in view of the above amendments, are no longer applicable.

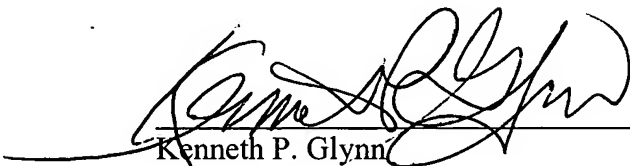
A Petition for Extension of Time to answer, along with the statutory fee is also enclosed.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, and the Petition and fee, it is urged that claims 41 through 56 should be allowed. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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